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English abstracts summarizing the disclosures of the German and French publications are submitted herewith.

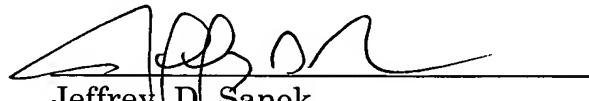
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